

## Neighborhood Watch Program

This program will provide the following to participating neighborhoods:

- Help neighborhoods become organized and provide Crime Prevention services .
- Inspection of the residence to help deter and prevent crime from occurring.
- Suggestions to increase security and overall safety for residents.

*If interested in the Neighborhood Watch Program, contact The Bluffton Police Department Neighborhood Services Unit.*

**843-706-4550**

## Important Phone Numbers

### **Emergency 911**

Dispatch Main Number	524-2777
Social Services	470-4600
Solicitor's Office	255-5880
Child Abuse Prevention	524-4350
Adult/Child Protective Services	525-7861
Bluffton Self Help	757-8000
United Way of the Low Country	982-3040

### Town of Bluffton Departments 20 Bridge Street

Town Hall Main Number	706-4500
Police Department Main Number	706-4550
Neighborhood Services Unit	706-4550
Bicycle Registration	706-4550
CARE Program	706-4550
Municipal Court	706-4530
Business License	706-4500



# BLUFFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **Bicycle Safety**

*The Bluffton Police Department  
has developed this brochure to  
provide information to you  
about Bicycle safety and ways to  
stay safe.*

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## Bicycle Safety Tips

**Get a headlight.**

**Honk.**

**Slow down.**

**Ride further left.**

**Don't ride on the sidewalk.**

**Don't ride against traffic.**

**Don't stop in a blind spot.**

**Glance in your mirror before approaching an intersection.**

**Don't pass on the right.**

**Look behind you before turning right.**

**Wear something bright, even during the day.**

**Wear a reflective vest or a safety triangle.**

**Never, ever move left without looking behind you first.**

**Don't swerve in and out of the parking lane if it contains any parked cars.**

**Signal.**

**Get a rear light.**

**SECTION 56-5-3420.** Rights and duties of bicyclists generally.

A person riding a bicycle upon a roadway must be granted all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by this chapter, except as to special provisions in this article and except as to those provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.

**SECTION 56-5-3430.** Riding on roadways and bicycle paths.

(A) Except as provided in subsection (B), every bicyclist operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable. A bicyclist may, but is not required to, ride on the shoulder of the roadway in order to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

(B) A bicyclist may ride in a lane other than the right-hand lane if only one lane is available that permits the bicyclist to continue on his intended route.

(C) When operating a bicycle upon a roadway, a bicyclist must exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(D) Bicyclists riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

**SECTION 56-5-3435.** Driver to maintain safe operating distance between motor vehicle and bicycle.

A driver of a motor vehicle must at all times maintain a safe operating distance between the motor vehicle and a bicycle.

**SECTION 56-5-3440.** Manner of riding bicycles; number of persons which may be carried.

A bicyclist propelling a bicycle may not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle. No bicycle may be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

**SECTION 56-5-3450.** Clinging to vehicles prohibited.

A person riding upon any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, or toy vehicle may not attach it or them or himself to a vehicle upon a roadway.

**SECTION 56-5-3445.** Harassing or throwing object at person riding bicycle; penalty.

It is unlawful to harass, taunt, or maliciously throw an object at or in the direction of any person riding a bicycle. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

**SECTION 56-5-3470.** Lamps and reflectors on bicycle.

A bicycle when in use at nighttime must be equipped with a lamp on the front which must emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear that must be visible from all distances from fifty feet to three hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of the lawful upper beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

**SECTION 56-5-3480.** Signaling turns; penalty.

(A)(1) A bicyclist shall indicate a right turn by extending the left arm upward, by raising the left arm to the square, or by extending the right arm horizontally to the right.

(2) A bicyclist shall indicate a left turn by extending the left arm horizontally.

(3) A bicyclist shall indicate stopping or decreasing speed by extending the left arm or the right arm downward.

(B) A bicyclist is not required to give signals provided for in subsection (A) continuously if the hand or arm is needed to control the bicycle.

(C) A violation of this section is punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars.

**SECTION 56-5-3490.** Brake on bicycle; penalty.

A bicycle must be equipped with a brake that will enable the bicyclist to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement. A violation of this section is punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars.